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TO : Chief, Industrial Division, ORR**DATE**: 30 April 1957**FROM** : Acting Chief, Aircraft Branch, D/I**SUBJECT**: 1957 SAF Rehearsals for May Day

1. Attached is a summary of the first thirteen SAF May Day rehearsals.

2. The largest number of aircraft taking part in the rehearsals has been 167. No new aircraft types have been confirmed visually during practice runs. If Soviets intend to show anything new, they will probably introduce the aircraft as a surprise on May Day.

3. The attache's report of the first rehearsal stated that 1 Bison and no Bear aircraft participated. The photographs, which are suppose to be of the first rehearsal show one Bear and no Bison. Visibility was good for the first rehearsal; hence, it is hard to understand how the attache completely missed the Bear or mistook the Bear for a Bison.

4. Some observers believed one Bison in the twelfth rehearsal was equipped with refueling boom similar to KC-97, the US jet tanker.

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